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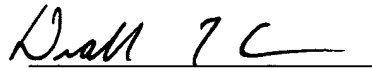
Claims 1-7, 9-19, and 21-30 are all the claims pending in the present application, claims 8 and 20 having been cancelled as indicated herein. The Examiner indicated that claims 8 and 20 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant amends independent claims 1 and 13 to incorporate the allowable features of previously pending claims 8 and 20, respectively. Claims 2-7, 9-12, 14-19, and 21-30 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies. Applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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